

Key Issues

1. No alternative to MA for most of these populations.
2. Access and availability of services:
 - MA Card Services
 - Waiver Services
3. Significant financial and service delivery roles of counties, particularly for people with developmental disabilities and mental illness
4. Potential efficiencies of care management programs
5. Impact of Medicare Part D on dually-eligible recipients



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5. Coordination and integration of long-term, acute and primary care
6. Consumer self-direction of care
7. Capacity to serve people with disabilities in the community
8. Consistency and quality of mental health services
9. Impact of Olmstead Decision and Watts reviews
10. MA-funded mental health services, especially inpatient psychiatric care.



Strategies

1. Reduce reliance on state centers, ICF-MRs and nursing homes
 - Ambitious ICF-MR relocation initiative
 - Relocation of persons with mental illness from nursing homes via new waiver program
 - Governor's proposal to relocate individuals from nursing homes.
2. Coverage of optional benefits (personal care, therapies, private duty nursing)
3. Home and community-based waivers (CIP, BIW, Children's waivers, Family Care, Partnership)



Strategies

4. Expanding options for community living - community capacity development:
 - Aging and Disability Resource Centers
 - Developing community-based mental health services to reduce inpatient hospital care.
 - Expanding community capacity for individuals with disabilities, especially health care and mental health services for people with developmental disabilities.
5. SSI Managed Care



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